



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6318**
Tsuyoshi YOKOKAWA : Docket No. 2001-1539A
Serial No. 09/973,690 : Group Art Unit 2652
Filed October 11, 2001 : Examiner Peter Vincent Agustin

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement to elect a single species, as set forth in the Office Action mailed February 18, 2004, Applicant hereby elects species a, Figures 1, 2, 4, and 5 as indicated by the Examiner. Claims 1-5 and 13-17 are readable on the elected species.

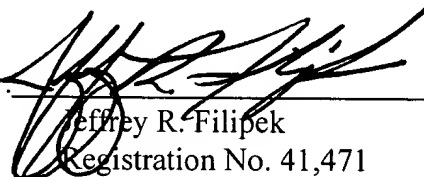
In view of this election, examination on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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